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Dear Commercial Hunting Preserve Permit Applicant:

Please read the following information carefully and note new information relating to Commercial Shooting Preserve permits.

Complete and return the Commercial Preserve permit application form and related documents as soon as possible. Applications received by August 1, 2005 will be processed for the opening date September 1, 2004. Applications received after August 1, 2005 will be processed in the order they are received and in conjunction with the semi-wild applications.

The commercial preserve permit fee is \$320.00 for the first tract of land and \$165.00 for each additional tract. In addition there is a \$2.00 application fee. Tags are \$0.15 each.

The property must be a minimum of 50 huntable acres, posted as a commercial preserve and include the club name, club contact, current permit number and date. Post all safety zones.

Applications:

- Be sure to complete all areas on the application – do not leave any area unanswered.
- The contact must sign and date the form.
- Be sure the block/lots on the map match those listed on the application.

Contract for Birds:

- You must submit a contract for birds (from a currently licensed supplier).
- The minimum stocking requirement is 500 birds.
- If you are getting your birds from out of state, be sure to complete and submit an application to import. Importation permits require a minimum of 2 weeks to process.

Verification of Lease:

- If you are leasing property, you must complete and submit a verification of lease form.
- Both parties must sign the form.
- Be sure the lease covers the entire hunting season.

Maps:

With the constant development of property within our state, it is imperative for you to provide accurate information for the evaluation of your property. You must note any change of land previously approved. Two photocopies (8.5" x 11" or 11" x 17") of the new tax map must accompany all applications **EACH** year. These maps must include the following:

- Pre-printed block / lot numbers and acreage must be readable

- Printed club name and club number
- Outline the property in red
- Mark all buildings and dwellings on the property or note if there are NO buildings/dwellings
- Mark all buildings and dwellings on each adjacent property or note if there are NO buildings/dwellings
- Mark all safety zones

Maps without complete and accurate information will result in your application being held until you can be contacted and a clarification is made or returned to you for appropriate corrections.

Site inspections by a conservation officer are conducted prior to the approval of all new applications, any application in which there appears to be a possible safety problem or complaint. If a site inspection is conducted after a permit has been issued, and maps or information that have been provided in the permit application are found to be inaccurate, the Division will immediately revoke the permit. Once a permit has been revoked it will require the permittee to reapply and may result in the permit not being reinstated for the remainder of the current permit year. The submission of inaccurate permit application information may also result in prosecution under N.J.S.A. 23:3-39 with a penalty of up to \$200.00 for each offense.

Commercial Preserves have a minimum stocking requirements of 500 birds. If you intend to purchase game birds from another state, you must apply for a permit to import. Captive game importation permits are issued at no cost. An application is available on this site.

Commercial preserve permit holders may purchase a book of one-day licenses, containing 20 licenses, for a total cost of \$230.00 (\$11.50/license). Commercial preserves may then offer one-day licenses to a customer for \$12.50. Please note customers must present to you an original hard copy of a previous hunting license or hunter education certificate prior to issuing a one-day license. **NO ACCEPTIONS.** Permit holders are required to surrender all books when completed and/or at the end of the season. These books are then reviewed to ensure all information has been collected and recorded. The costs of unsold one-day licenses are to be absorbed by the commercial preserve; therefore, it is suggested that you plan accordingly.

Youths, residents of the United States and under the age of 16, are required to display a NJ youth hunting license. NJ Youth hunting licenses may be obtained at the Trenton office, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Please contact the Trenton office at (609) 292-2965.

If you raise and stock game birds just for your own use on your commercial preserve, you are not required to maintain propagation and sales permit. Preserves selling game birds are required to maintain a captive game propagation and sales permit. Captive game permits are \$12.00. Forms are available by calling (609) 292-9531.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call me at (609) 292-9531.

Respectfully,

Sharon Rivera
Permit Section

Associated Commercial Preserve Forms/Documents:

Commercial Preserve Permit application (hard copy sent to you via regular mail)
Commercial Preserve Information Sheet (in e-mail)
Captive game regulations (you already have)
Lease form (in e-mail)
Application to import (in e-mail)
Kill Sheet (in e-mail)
Stocking Sheet (in e-mail)
Posting sample (in e-mail)